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THURSDAY MARCH 17, 1898.
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Cotton Seed Wanted.

I will pay highest market price for 100 car loads of cotton seed. Few cars of seed at \$19 per ton, payable in seed. Mail and hulls for sale at low prices.

R. J. MADRY,
Scotland Neck, N. C.

\$5,000.

To lend in sums of \$500 and less, to be secured by good real estate in proximity to the town of Enfield. Apply to S. S. Alsop, Enfield, N. C.

Strayed.

Two spotted shoats, will weigh about 50 pounds, and one large spotted sow—will weigh about 150 pounds. Liberal remuneration will be given for their return. B. F. GRAY, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Very Important.

Policy holders in the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York, can get valuable information by writing to Lock Box No. 6, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Fancy Ribbons.

We have just received four thousand yards of all kinds of ribbons—width running from the smallest to 100.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.
Beautiful Silks and Satins plain and broad—large quantities and at lowest prices at
M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Fine lot of Shirts of every description and at prices to make you buy.
M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Full line of Shoes kept up all the time and the very latest styles for both ladies and gentlemen.
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Do you want Orders filled?
Our Mr. M. Hoffman is going North next week to purchase a full supply of goods. He will take pleasure in filling any orders which any of our customers may leave with us.
M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Largest Fertilizer Dealers.
We are the largest dealers in fertilizers in this region, and sell our customers as low as they can buy in Richmond or Norfolk.
M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

C. A. Armstrong,
Contractor for all kinds of Brick and Wooden buildings.
2 24 ft. Scotland Neck, N. C.

Cash Paid.
For broken or worn-out watches and uncurrent coins at GRADY'S Jewelry shop, Halifax, N. C.
2 24 ft.

Lard For Sale.
1,000 lbs Lard for Sale.
FRANK P. SHIELDS, Executor.
2 24 ft.

WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY AND ACTIVE gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established houses in North Carolina. Monthly \$65.00 and expenses. Position steady. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. W. Chicago. 3 17 9t.

Fire and Life Insurance.
The very best fire companies represented. The Aetna Life so well known in this community is still here giving the best policy of the day and has increased its dividends annually without interruption for the past 25 years. It has paid out over \$70,000 in this community during the past 25 years. There is none better or more reliable company than the Old Aetna.
J. H. LAWRENCE, Agt.
Office over W. L. Harrell & Co.'s store. 2-31y.

Scotland Neck Telephone Exchange
We are prepared to furnish telephone service to the public and solicit patronage.
RATES FOR SERVICE.
Business Phones, \$2.00 per month.
Residence Phones, 1.50 " "
Two of either for 3.00 " "

It is our purpose to give good service, and to this end we ask all subscribers to report promptly any irregularities in the service.
Our signed contracts prohibit the use of phones except by subscribers, and we request that this rule be rigidly enforced.

Baldness is either hereditary or caused by sickness, mental exhaustion, wearing tight-fitting hats, and by overwork and trouble. Hall's Renewer will prevent it. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

LOCAL NEWS.

Service at Tillery on Friday night this week by the Rev. W. J. Smith.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.—The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Allsbrook died Saturday after an acute illness of some days. It was buried Sunday afternoon in the Baptist cemetery. THE COMMONWEALTH joins their many friends in sympathy for them in their bereavement.

TALMAGE ON NEWSPAPERS.—In this issue we give the second of a series taken from a sermon by Dr. Talmage. It is on newspapers and newspaper work. If you did not read the first one in last week's issue look it up and read it. We think it is worth any one's time to read the series. There will be only one more after this week.

SUCCESSFUL LUMBER PLANT.—Few persons in the community who have not visited the plant of the Gray Lumber Co. near Neal, have any idea of the work they are doing. The plant is up-to-date and turns out from thirty to thirty-five thousand feet of lumber daily. They employ about fifty laborers, run their own commissary and are doing a most thriving business.

SOME TIMELY IMPROVEMENTS.—The town authorities have had trees planted along either side of the street leading out by the cotton mills to the site of the tobacco market. This is commendable enterprise in the town commissioners. Tax payers much more cheerfully pass over their money in exchange for a tax receipt when they can see some signs of wise investment of the money.

LIKES SCOTLAND NECK.—Mr. H. B. Cawley, of New York, a partner in the Nesbit Lumber Co., has spent some time in Scotland Neck recently. He will put in some mills in this community for manufacturing hard wood into lumber, and Mr. S. F. Dunn will attend to his lumber interests. Mr. Cawley has visited many parts of the South, and says he likes Scotland Neck better than any town he has ever visited.

GOES TO WILMINGTON.—Mr. W. F. Parker who has been agent for THE COMMONWEALTH this year, has accepted a position in a business house in Wilmington and left this morning to enter upon his work. While he has been with THE COMMONWEALTH he has done faithful and efficient service for which the editor feels under obligations. Mr. Parker's contact with our readers has been easy and he goes away with a pleasant recollection of the same. He is an earnest, honest, upright young man of sterling character and we commend him to the confidence of whomsoever he may meet.

To Our Delinquents.
Some of our delinquent subscribers have responded to our appeals, either by sending the money or making other arrangements. Others, however, have disregarded us, and we shall be forced to drop them soon if we do not hear from them in some way.

Marriage of Mr. B. F. Norman.

THE COMMONWEALTH'S agent, Mr. W. F. Parker, stopped in Spring Hope long enough last week to learn the particulars of the marriage of Mr. B. F. Norman, one of the good business men of that thriving town. He was married March 9th, to Miss Bettie Pigford, of Clinton, N. C., Rev. J. J. Douglass performing the ceremony. The bride is one of the charming young ladies of her community and bears the high esteem of those who knew her.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman returned to Spring Hope next day after the marriage where they will make their home.

Complimentary to Mrs. Whitaker.

The Board of Directors of the insane asylum at Raleigh last week elected Miss Minnie Whitaker, of Enfield, matron of that institution.

The following resolution was adopted relative to the retiring matron, Mrs. M. E. Whitaker:

"Whereas, Mrs. M. E. Whitaker five years ago was elected matron of this institution and has during her said term been at all times, loyal, faithful and intelligent in the discharge of her duties and has now voluntarily declined a reelection;

Resolved by the Board of Directors, That the services of Mrs. Whitaker are duly appreciated, that we part from her with sincere regret and tender to her our best wishes."

The Only Remedy.

"When the dust is on the counter and the cowb's on the shelf, and there's no one in the store but your own disheartened self, and your stock is getting shelf-worn, and everything looks stale, and bills enough are coming due to make a banker pale. Oh! then's the time a fellow is a feelin' kind o' blue, and is puzzled with the thought of the proper thing to do. In such a situation but one remedy applies: If you want to get the customers you've got to advertise."—Exchange.

Are You Weak?
Weakness manifests itself in the loss of ambition and aching bones. The blood is watery; the tissues are wasting—the door is being opened for disease. A bottle of Brown's Iron Bitters taken in time will restore your strength, soothe your nerves, make your blood rich and red. Do you want good health and an expansive social course of medicine? Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all druggists.

THE MIXING CROWD.

Some Come and Some Go.

AND OF OTHERS WE DO NOT KNOW.

Mr. George A. Holderness of Tarboro was here last.

Mrs. Nelson and Miss Genola Everett, of Hobgood, were here Tuesday.

Mr. J. C. Hall, of Aulander, is trimmer for the Carolina Buggy Co.

Mess. M. Hoffman and N. B. Josey have gone north to purchase goods.

Mrs. T. H. Bailey, of Everetts, came up Wednesday to visit Mrs. E. A. Lilly.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Smith, of Tarboro, have been here on a visit this week.

Miss Minnie Etheridge, of Whitakers, is visiting the family of Mr. J. E. Woolard.

Mrs. A. M. Riddick has been north some days preparing for spring millinery trade.

Mr. J. P. Futrell went to Greenville Tuesday afternoon to attend the races Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. White returned a few days ago from her trip to New York to purchase spring millinery.

Little Ellie King was sent from this place yesterday morning to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

Mrs. Watson, of Braswells, has been in town some days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Woolard. She has been sick since she came.

Mr. Jos. L. Scott, who has headquarters in Washington, D. C., has been here this week shaking hands with his friends, who were glad to see him.

Mess. E. P. and S. Wooten, of La Grange, and A. S. Copeland, of Kingston were here Tuesday looking into the tobacco interests. They were prospecting for warehouses here.

Mr. T. A. Whit, who has been in the tobacco brokerage business here with Mr. F. J. Hage, and who lost by fire recently, has gone to Winston to do business for some months. He expects to return when the next tobacco crop comes in. Mr. Whit has made a good list of friends here who are sorry for him to go.

Rev. J. B. Boone, general manager of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, spent Saturday and Sunday here. Friday night he addressed the Baptist Young People's Union. Sunday morning he preached in the Baptist church and went to Hobgood to preach Sunday night. Mr. Boone has been quite successful as manager of the institution over which he presides, and the Baptists of the State feel under obligations to him for his wise and careful and tireless work.

Mr. J. C. Caddell, traveling agent and correspondent to the Biblical Recorder, spent Saturday and Sunday here. He addressed the congregation in the Baptist church Sunday night on Home Missions. His address was able and well received.

He put the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention on high ground and clearly showed the duty of the Baptists to sustain it.

The Ram Albemarle.

The following letter sent to Sunday's News & Observer will be interesting to the people of this community, as the "Albemarle" was built near Scotland Neck, by one of our citizens, Mr. Peter E. Smith:

"Can, N. C., March 10, 1898.

"Will you be kind enough to publish the following in your valuable paper? I would be glad to hear from any one now living, who was on the Confederate Ram Albemarle, which was sunk at Plymouth, N. C., about the last of October, 1864. I was on her when she was blown up by a torpedo, on that dark and ill-fated night. It was about 10 o'clock, p. m., and had been raining up to about the time of the explosion. None of the crew were lost in the explosion, to my knowledge. Some of them, perhaps, of our men went to Wilmington, N. C., and that is the last I have ever heard of any of them. I guess most of them were in the great fight at Fort Fisher. I remember but very few of the names of the crew. One I remember who, together with my self, run the little boat 'Rebus' from Halifax to Edward's ferry, where there was being built another boat for the Confederate service. His name was Caps. Don't know his initials.

There is a good deal of interesting history connected with that ship, about how effectively it aided General Hoke in driving the Federals from Plymouth.

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50 cts. and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

in the spring of '64, and about the great fight she had with mine, I think it was, war ships down on Albemarle Sound. How she came back from that contest with only two feet of smoke stack, and with many scars of the enemy's solid shot on her exterior, some of which sank deep into her outside layer of iron, which was two inches thick, with an inner of same thickness, making it four inches, but her hull was not harmed. How she plunged her bow into the side of several Yankee ships and sent them to the bottom of the river, Roanoke, and Albemarle Sound, etc. But I did not start out to write history. I simply would like to hear from any of the ship's crew for old comradeship sake.

"Vive, vaie,
"J. H. CAIN."

WHITAKERS ALBUM THIS WEEK.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

WHITAKERS, N. C., March 14, '98.
Messrs. George Phillips and Charles Hamilton, of Battleboro, spent Sunday at Mr. M. J. Battle's.

Mr. E. Matthews, of Enfield, was here Sunday.

We were pleased to see on our streets Monday the gallant Capt. J. M. Horne. Capt. J. G. Barnes visited Rocky Mount Sunday.

Mr. W. C. Taylor went to Nashville Monday.

Mrs. J. T. Strickland, (nee Miss Myrtle Carter) of Nashville, spent several days here last week. Her friends were glad to see her.

The "social" given by the members of the W. C. T. U. on Wednesday night was largely attended and much enjoyed. Mrs. L. J. Davis and daughter, Miss Hattie, visited Rocky Mount last week. Mrs. W. T. Braswell, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Tom Gorham in Rocky Mount, returned home Thursday.

Mrs. Mattie Watson and Miss Mary Ricks visited Enfield Friday.

Mr. W. Greene left Saturday for Wilson.

Messrs. Blount Taylor and Jas. Howell, of Rocky Mount, were here Friday.

Mr. W. G. Greene spent Sunday in town.

Mr. K. C. Taylor was in town Monday.

Miss Addie Braswell was the guest of Miss Hattie Allsbrook on Sunday.

Mr. K. H. Cutchin spent Sunday here.

On Sunday night a thief broke into the store of Columbus Dixon (colored) and stole a lot of tobacco, cigars and other things. He was caught and arraigned before Mayor W. C. Taylor for trial on Monday morning. The evidence being conclusive, he was committed to Tarboro jail to await the action of the grand jury.

How's This!

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O. We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

WEST & THUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Try Macnair's Blood and Liver Pills.

They keep off malaria. E. T. Whitehead & Co. have them.

On the morning of Feb. 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism and lay in bed until May 21st, when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain and the second afforded complete relief. In a short time I was able to be up and about again.—A. T. MOREAUX, Lawrence, Minn. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

The sooner you begin to fight the cure, the more easily it may be extinguished. The sooner you begin taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla for your blood disease, the easier will be the cure. In both cases, delay is dangerous, if not fatal. Be sure you get Ayer's, and no other. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. T. WHITEHEAD & CO.

NO CURE—NO PAY

That is the way all druggists sell GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC for Chills, Fever and all forms of Malaria. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer it to bitter nauseating tonics. Price, 5¢

OLD NEWSPAPERS FOR SALE.

40 cents per hundred.

Send your orders for Job Printing to this office. First class work and low prices.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla
The Remedy with a Record.
50 Years of Cures

For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, N. C.

BANK STATEMENT.

Report of condition of The Scotland Neck Bank made to the State Treasurer at close of business Feb. 18th, 1898.

RESOURCES.	
Loans.....	17,838.15
Overdrafts.....	636.31
Stocks.....	2,183.33
Due from banks.....	3,923.03
Furniture, &c.....	618.19
Cash.....	5,047.45
	30,241.46

LIABILITIES.	
Capital.....	5,000.00
Surplus.....	5,000.00
Under profits.....	264.18
Deposits.....	19,780.01
Cashier's checks.....	197.27
	80,241.46

FRANK P. SHIELDS, Cashier.

NEW GOODS!

Calicos 3 1/2, 4 cts. Mattress ticking, 4c, 5 cts. Ladies late style shoes 65c, 88c, \$1.25. Frames for crayons 20 styles 16x20 in. 88c, 68c, 98c. We have the latest in var pictures and frames 8x36 in. 48c, 68 cts.

Heavy Rugs best grade 1x2 yds \$1.88. Reversible Rugs 1x2 yds 98c. 15 Different patterns and sizes art Squares and Druggists half wool and all wool \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.75.

We are having a big rush on floor Matting, 9, 12, 15, 18c.

Our buyer struck a big job in floor Oil Cloth, some beautiful patterns, 1, 1 1/2, 2 yds wide, 15, 20, 25c.

Curtain poles with wood fixtures 25c.

Curtain poles with brass fixtures 18, 20c.

Lace Curtains 3 and 3 1/2 yds long 50, 75, 98c. per pair.

A large lot of remnants moquette and Brussels Carpet for rugs with fringe to match at half prices. We are closing out a lot of bureaus with large mirrors \$2.27, \$3.50, and \$4.00.

A beautiful line of Hamburg's and laces for below the regular prices.

We are having a big rush, and our best bargains are moving. Remember we prepay freight on all goods bought at one time amounting to \$5.00 and over.

H. C. SPIERS & DAVIS, Mar. 16, 1898. WELDON, N. C.

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Horses & Mules.

Our new stables are well filled with good Horses that we offer at Low Prices.

We keep a good lot constantly on hand.

We are doing the business, and ask you to come and see our stock before you purchase.

You can get your pick from our fine lot of Mules any day.

Biggs & Johnson, Scotland Neck, N. C.

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THE RACKET STORE!

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For instance:

Percale yard wide 6c. Fruit of the Loom Bleaching yard wide 6 1/2c. All 5c. calicos new styles No. 1 goods per yard 4c. A good umbrella for 25c.

Stationery at less than half price. Writing papers 3c. per quire. Envelopes 12 for 1c. Leadpencils 3 for 1c. Pencil Tablets 1c. each. Composition books 1c.

Nice Linen Table Damask 54 inch wide (white) 33 1/2c. worth 40c. Large Linen Towels 7 1/2c. each. Eight Day striking Clock, first-class goods, \$1.75.

A No 1 yard wide bleaching 5c. yard.

Our line of SPRING and SUMMER Goods is the cheapest in town.

We are also handling a line of small hardware and tinware VERY CHEAP.

Our line of RIBBONS is the Cheapest in town. Watches 1.25 a good time-keeper. Examine our line of JEWELRY. Gentlemen's Nice Band Bows 3 for 10c. usually sold for 10c. each. Buttermilk Soap 5c. per box usually sold for 9c. Paint or Varnish Brushes at half price.

All we ask is a call.

Our terms are CASH.

Camp & Andrews,

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"It runs as light as a feather."
"It turns Druggery into Pastime."
"The Magic Silent Sewer."